

On Board Ship Leonidas

Sunday 3 of February 1839

Commenced with fine breezes from W.S.W. & a light shower of rain at 3 wind shifted to S.E. & a short breeze squaired the yards now she starts lively again over the blue water towards the E. Cape at 4 hoisted two small casks of bread on deck & all that we have in the ship & divided it equally amongst the ships company 25 in number which give each share two large buckets each & hugs without number the remainder of these 24 hours strong breezes from S.E. & S.E. passing clouds no sailing sails set Course W.W. Wind 18° westerly

Latitude by D.R. 30° 41'

By Double Alt. 30° 47'

Long at 2 P.M. 66° 47'

Monday 4

At these 24 hours strong winds from S.E. to E.S.E. mostly cloudy later watch employed in setting up Mizen rigging & other necessary jobs Course W.W. Latitude 29° 45'

Tuesday 5

First & middle part strong breezes from E.S.E. cloudy at 3 P.M. wind shifted to W.E. with light rain at 6 halled back wind light the remainder part of these 24 hours watch employed in ships duty Course W.W. Latitude 28° 55'

Long at 4 P.M. 62° 24'

Wednesday 6

First part light breezes from E.S.E. middle lively later moderate & mostly cloudy Course W.W. to ends watch employed in fitting ship rattled Mizen & T. Rig. Latitude 27° 59'

Thursday 7

At these 24 hours lively breezes from S.E. to East weather fine smoky & overcast & watch employed in turning out & in main rigging &c Latitude 26° 59'

Friday 8

Most part of these 24 hours light breezes from E.S.E. to W.E. weather fine watch employed in ships duty of fitting ship Course W.W. till 8 P.M. & remainder part W.W. Latitude

From Whaleground Towards Cape Good Hope

Saturday 9

At these 24 hours light breezes from E.S.E. to W.E. warm & pleasant weather Sat. F. 7. Mast Steering sail first part watch employed in fitting ship rattling & taring later commenced scurrying out side this day got 4 number of Lunar observations which give the ship 26° to 30° to westward of Chronometer Latitude

Long at 10 A.M. by Chro 35° 49' By Lunar — 34° 14'

Sunday 10

At these 24 hours light breezes from E.S.E. to W.E. clear & warm weather first part employed in scurrying out side of the ship to ends Course W.W. got 4 number of lunars agreeable about the same as the day before with the Chronometer Latitude 26° 42'

Monday 11

Commenced with fine breezes from W.E. clear & pleasant weather middle strong breeze later lively from North & beautiful weather At sail set to best advantage Course W.W. Watch employed in ships duty on the later part of these 24 hours Latitude 26° 38'

Tuesday 12

At these 24 hours fine breezes from North weather fine watch employed in fitting ship saw nothing Course W.W. Latitude

Wednesday 13

Long at first part lively breezes from N.W.E. middle small breezes from East at 4 P.M. spoke Barque Reaper Salem Real 400 sperm whales Oil 18 months out has been Cruising about here two months got 280 blbls got same tobacco from said ship which came very acceptable we not having any in the ship for some days Course W.W. the remainder part of these 24 hours at 10 raised sperm whales at 11 lowered 2 boats to ends Chasing whales going quite fast saw Barke Reaper whaling Latitude 25° 42' Long at 2 P.M. 49° 09'